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ALL things have their prototype in that terse but sublime declaration of the writer of Genesis—"The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said 'Let there be light,' and there was light." There is a time when we can say respecting all things created, they are not; soon, by the plastic art of man, or by the impress of his intellect upon the vague, chaotic materials about him, new creations come forth—they exist—"there is light." It often needs but a suggestion to galvanize into life the dormant ideas which slumber so quietly in the brain of the masses of the people, and which would forever remain undeveloped, like the grains of wheat in the mummy cases of Egypt, did not some more active mind desecrate their hallowed resting place and turn them towards the light of progress, that they may fructify, and bless humanity with their saving and health-giving influence.

The formation of the Troy Young Men's Association makes no exception to the above principle, for it is said to have had its origin from suggestions made by Dr. N. S. S. Beman, in a sermon preached from the words, "I speak to you young men because ye are strong." Doubtless the necessity of providing for the intellectual cultivation of the young men among the citizens of Troy, had often been meditated upon by thoughtful men in their midst, but there needed to be a public expression of their idea in order to have concerted effort for the desired object. Accordingly there appeared in the city papers of November 27, 1834, the following notice: "The young men of the city of Troy who are in favor of a public course of lectures this winter are requested to meet at the Mayor's Court Room, Friday evening, 28th inst., at eight o'clock, to make the necessary arrangements. *At the same time the expediency of forming a Young Men's Association will be discussed.*" That there was considerable interest manifested in the project is evinced by the fact that the meeting held pursuant to the above call was largely attended. The officers of that meeting were John T. McCoun, President, and Alexander McCall, Secretary. The object of coming together was stated by Thaddeus B. Bigelow. Before closing, a committee was appointed under a resolution, "to take into consideration the expediency and practicability of forming a

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Young Men's Association," and instructed to report at a subsequent meeting. That committee was composed of the following gentlemen: Giles B. Kellogg, Thomas Coleman, Martin I. Townsend, R. Hawley and Thaddeus B. Bigelow. They reported on the evening of the 12th of December, at which time, also, a draft of a Constitution for an Association was presented and, after slight amendments, accepted. A committee of five persons from each of the first four Wards of the city was then appointed to obtain signatures to the Constitution, viz:

*First Ward*—Alfred Sleason, Thaddeus B. Bigelow, Charles Hooper, I. R. Catlin, and Charles E. Seymour.

*Second Ward*—Francis N. Mann, Giles B. Kellogg, G. H. Tracy, Harvey Warner, and G. W. Francis.

*Third Ward*—John C. Kemble, Alexander McCall, Ralph Hawley, W. H. Van Schoonhoven, and Thomas Coleman.

*Fourth Ward*—C. Deming, William Hagen, Jared S. Weed, Henry T. Eddy, and S. Burrows.

A week later, the committee, after an active canvass of the city, reported and published in the city papers, the names of 426 signers of the Constitution. A meeting of these signers was held on the evening of the 19th of December at the Court House, at which JOHN T. McCOUN was elected President under the Constitution, to hold office until the Annual Meeting in February following. A committee was also appointed to nominate persons for the remaining offices. This committee reported at the Court House on the evening of the 22d of December. As soon as the report was read, the members proceeded to ballot for officers to serve until the Annual Meeting. The following persons were elected:

First Vice-President—DAVID L. SEYMOUR.

Second Vice-President—HENRY LONDON.

Third Vice-President—THOMAS COLEMAN.

Recording Secretary—JOHN T. LAMPORT.

Corresponding Secretary—GILES B. KELLOGG.

Treasurer—CHARLES E. SEYMOUR.

#### DEBATING SOCIETY.

President—GEORGE GOULD.

First Vice-President—GEORGE W. FRANCIS.

Second Vice-President—HENRY T. EDDY.

Secretary—RALPH HAWLEY.

Managers—WM. H. VAN SCHOONHOVEN, ISAAC J. MERRITT, HENRY ROUSSEAU, JARED S. WEED, JOHN S. PERRY, LEVINUS VANDERHEYDEN, LORENZO CADWELL, BRIGHAM L. EATON, HARVEY WARNER, LORENZO D. BAKER.

The first rooms occupied by the Association were opened at No. 197 River Street.

In the *Budget* of February 10th, 1835, there appears a notice that these rooms would be open to the public until February 17th, after which none but *members*, and non-residents introduced by them, could have access to the privileges of the Association.

The first Annual Meeting under the Constitution took place on Monday, Feb. 16th, 1835, at which time the Association numbered about 450 members. Subsequently other names were added, so that at the end of the year there were 476 members, including thirty-three Life members. The Library then contained about 1200 vols., counting in 600 or 700 vols. loaned by the "Troy Library."

On the 10th of March, a petition was presented to the Senate by Mr. John C. Kemble to incorporate the Troy Young Men's Association. It passed to a third reading April 10th, and became a law April 20th, 1835.

A course of lectures had already been provided, and a Debating Society established. Thus the Association entered upon its career, freighted with the fond hopes of its projectors, and dependent upon the liberality of Trojans for its support and ultimate success. How they have sustained it may be gathered from following its subsequent history.

Among the lecturers before the Association in 1835 may be mentioned the names of Rev. N. S. S. Beman, Rev. W. D. Snodgrass, Prof. A. Potter of Union College, Hon. John D. Willard, and Hon. Jesse Buel of Albany. The estimated value of property belonging to the Association at the beginning of 1836, including furniture, books and papers, was \$1,000. Besides, there was in the hands of the Treasurer, and invested in securities, the sum of \$2,750.83, making a total of \$3,750.83.

At the Annual Meeting in February, 1836, an application was made to amend *four* articles of the Constitution, and to *add two* new ones. First—To fix, by Constitution, the commencement of the fiscal year. Second—To equalize the benefits of the institution among its patrons. At this time the Constitution confined the term of membership between the ages of fourteen and forty. A regular member paid \$3 for the first year of his membership and \$2 for each succeeding year, which conferred upon him *all* the privileges of the Association; while, if he was under forty years of age, and paid \$5 per year, or \$50, though he received a certificate of honorary, or life membership, he was deprived of the right of voting and of acting in any official capacity. Thus, the *less* a man paid the *more* privileges he received—a principle obviously unjust, and which could not have best conserved the interests of the Association. Third—Another object was to provide for paying \$50 for a "Life Certificate," in *installments*, so that that amount paid in this way should be equal to the same sum paid in *advance*.

The wants of the society required more room, which was procured, the rent of the whole costing \$250 per annum.

There were on file in the Reading Room, during this year (1836), one hundred and twenty-seven newspapers and nineteen periodicals, at an expense of \$282. Several sections of the By-Laws were stricken out ; and under the amendment to the Constitution, adopted at the last Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee passed the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That any person becoming a member after the 1st day of May, and before the 1st day of September, in any year, shall be compelled to pay for his membership for such current year (in addition to the \$1 initiation fee, which is in *all* cases to be paid), the sum of \$1.50, and a person becoming a member after the 1st day of September in any year, shall pay for such membership (besides the initiation fee) the sum of \$1.

September 1st, 1836, Mr. G. B. Kellogg, who had been elected Corresponding Secretary, resigned his office, and Henry W. Strong was chosen in his place. The 19th of the same month, the President, T. B. Bigelow, resigned, and George Gould was called to that office. Other changes also occurred in the Executive Board. Mr. Wm. Hagen, who was appointed Librarian January 6th, 1835, and the first one who served the Association in that capacity, was re-appointed to that office at a salary of \$380, reserving to himself the privilege of representing during the year the inadequacy of that salary, and asking for such an increase as might be deemed appropriate.

A rule was established by the lecture committee to close the doors of the lecture room at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$  o'clock ; the object of it being to prevent annoyance by persons going in and out during the lecture. This rule was approved by the Executive Committee at a special meeting held January 22d, 1838. Thanks were voted to Mr. Myron King for a beautiful engraved copper-plate for the lecture tickets.

At the annual election which occurred in February, 1838, there was great excitement on account of the number of nominated tickets presented for the suffrages of the Association. Two of them claimed to be the "First Regularly Nominated Ticket." Besides, there were the "Young Men's Ticket" and the "Stump Ticket." The first opposition ticket was really nominated in 1836, though each called itself the "First Regularly Nominated Ticket." In the third Annual Report, submitted February 19, 1838, the committee allude to the disposition which should be made of the "Life Fund." It seems that some of the previous officers of the institution had held that a part of this fund should be applied to increase the number of books in the library. The present Committee record their opinion that it should not be so applied, "except in cases of imperative necessity." They say in regard to the Association : "It must have the means of life ; and its current expenses, as a general rule, should be met by its current receipts. In extraordinary circumstances only, should the payment of what is absolutely necessary to sustain it, and keep it alive, be made to depend upon un-



certain and casual donations, or moneys to be raised by subscription." Thus early in the history of the Association, a want was experienced which has not ceased to be felt by its friends to the present time.

During this year the freedom of the Association was tendered to the "Detroit Young Men's Society," the "Young Men's Association of Schenectady," the "Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York," and the "Board of Supervisors of the County of Rensselaer."

In October and November, 1837, three officers, viz: the First and Second Vice-Presidents and the Recording Secretary, resigned, and their places were filled, respectively, by Amos W. Perry, Uri Gilbert and A. J. Brackett.

At the beginning of 1838, Mr. Hagen, Librarian, had his salary raised to \$400—being an increase of \$20 over the preceding year. The Committee for that year report that when they entered upon their official duties they found everything in confusion; a considerable number of the books was not in condition to be used until rebound; no regularity in the manner of taking them out; no catalogue of them, nor even a list of their names. The first thing, therefore, which they did, was to call in all the books, prepare a catalogue of such as could be found, and procure the rebinding of those absolutely in need of it. The complaint was raised that there were no books to be had—all that were worth reading were constantly out, &c.—(a complaint which has not yet ceased with a certain class of fossilized novel readers). Accordingly, a special committee was raised to canvass the city for the purpose of procuring subscriptions to meet the wants of the members. They met with but little encouragement. Some were *unwilling* to give; others were *indifferent*. The very ones who complained the most, did least for its support. It seems to be true that many persons think the rest of the world owes them a living "free gratis." However, by dint of great exertion, the committee succeeded in raising \$367, which, expended for books, gave about three hundred volumes to the Library. The Committee also report that the arrangement of the books was such that they were not secure. They very politely say that "some members had *forgotten to return books that they had taken without notice to the Librarian.*" I presume they meant to say, in plain English, that the books were *stolen*. About 1-18 of the whole number was conveyed away in this manner. Of all thieves those who steal books from a public library are the most despicable. I am glad to say that the Young Men's Association of Troy does not now, nor has it for many years, experienced any loss from such a source. The most the members do now is to mutilate newspapers in the Reading Room—a very reprehensible practice, however, and one which the present Executive Committee has decided to meet with the infliction of proper penalties.

A new set of rules for the Library was framed this year. Hon. George Tibbitts offered the Executive Committee a lot of ground,

seventy-five feet front and rear by one hundred feet deep, next north of the door-yard of his mansion (the lot valued at \$3,000), on condition that the Association would, within two years, place on it a building worth \$7,500, to be used for the purposes of the Association and Lyceum. But the committee report that "not being in any condition to accept this proposition, they were obliged to decline a present compliance with it."

A resolution was adopted by the Executive Board to change the Constitution in regard to the yearly dues—making them \$3 instead of \$2. During the progress of the Annual Meeting, \$1,800 were subscribed for the benefit of the Association—the result of a strong appeal from the Executive Committee. Besides, new life was infused into its affairs by the nomination of no less than eight tickets to be supported at the election of 1839–40. The name of Isaac J. Merritt stood at the head of three of them; that of James M. Stevenson of four, and Silas K. Stow's name led the other.

A vote was taken during the preceding year upon the resolution of amendment to the Constitution, increasing the price of membership, which resulted as follows:—for the resolution, 212; against it, 86. In view of the smallness of the vote, the committee did not consider it best to recommend the amendment at the Annual Meeting. It had been proposed, as a substitute, "to require a small sum—a dollar, perhaps—for tickets admitting members to the lectures." Niles' Register, a very valuable work of reference, was purchased during the year 1839. It covers the period of our country's history from 1811 to 1836. Two tickets were nominated for 1840-1, headed by James M. Stevenson and T. A. Larned. On the lecture course of this year we observe the names of Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, Rev. R. Cookson, Giles B. Kellogg, Esq., George Gould, Esq., and Henry W. Strong, of Troy.

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee, held March 5th, 1840, it was resolved to appoint special district committees to solicit the renewal of such former members of the Association as had omitted to renew their membership, and as many honorary and regular members as they could. And at a similar meeting, on the 10th of December, 1840, it was resolved to circulate (in addition to the above effort) special subscription papers, having the following form:—"The subscribers, members of the Troy Young Men's Association, for the purpose of increasing the funds of said Association, agree to pay (in lieu of the ordinary annual dues), to its Treasurer, or his order, the sum of———dollars on the first day of December, in each year hereafter; it being understood that we have the privilege of discontinuance, on leaving a written request to that effect with the Treasurer, at least two months previous to the day designated above for making the annual payment."

In the report of 1841 we find that the Association was considerably embarrassed financially; for, besides the "Life Fund," there were only \$720.75 to meet the current expenses of the year. As stated above, the

plan of increasing the annual fee for regular members was not adopted, from the apprehension that many of limited means would withdraw their patronage, to the serious detriment of the Association. From the "special subscription" plan before alluded to, the sum of \$405 was obtained as a permanent fund. On the 4th of February, 1841, Mr. Wm. Hagen tendered his resignation as Librarian, which was accepted, and N. B. Milliman was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Four tickets were nominated for 1841-2, with the following gentlemen for President: John T. Barker and Charles Read.

Through the advice of Dr. J. H. Armsby (who had frequently lectured before the Association, and had become interested in its affairs), the Lecture Committee raised and collected a subscription sufficient for the purchase and importation of one of Auzoux's anatomical preparations, at a cost of \$707.50. Efforts were also made during the year to obtain objects of natural history, which resulted in the collection of a conchological cabinet containing 269 specimens, of which 225 were marine, forty-four land and fresh water shells—thirty-five of the latter the product of our own country. In the mineralogical department there were about 200 species and varieties. The Committee also acknowledge their indebtedness to Dr. Thomas W. Blatchford for a valuable donation of minerals, and to Dr. Wesley Newcomb for the loan of a fine and extensive collection of mineralogical specimens.

The Life Membership Fund, amounting to \$1,650, was loaned on bond and mortgage. There seems to have been much to discourage the friends of the Association, especially the neglect of its professed friends to renew their subscriptions. All reports hitherto speak of financial embarrassment, and make earnest appeals to the citizens of Troy to rally to the support of the Association.

Mr. Milliman, Librarian, resigned and G. H. Bull was appointed in his place. On the 9th of November, 1841, a resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee, recommending an amendment to Act 12th of the Constitution, that honorary members should thereafter be admitted on condition of paying \$5 the first year and \$3 annually afterwards, instead of \$5 annually.

The Presidents nominated for 1842-3 were J. L. Van Schoonhoven and Thomas Coleman. In the report for 1842, the committee say (after speaking of the important and efficient means placed within the reach of the city for moral and intellectual culture through the Association), that "instead of enlarging the sphere of its usefulness, it has during the past year, scarcely maintained the favorable position which it has previously occupied. The operations of the Executive Committee depend mainly for a successful issue, both in extent and efficiency, upon the prompt co-operation of individual members; and just in proportion as this is received or withheld, will the interests involved be

advanced or retarded." "It is founded upon the general prosperity and intelligence of our citizens. The results have not justified the expectations of its founders."

"Thus far the revenue from the voluntary renewal of memberships has in no one year been sufficient to meet the ordinary annual expenditures, and the various committees have been obliged to resort, from time to time, either to a loan from the Life Fund, or to special subscriptions to meet the deficiencies constantly occurring."

Many refused to renew their membership, even such as were well able to do so. At the time this Report was made, only 332 members had been enrolled for the (then) current year. But very few additions were made to the "cabinet." Action was taken upon the best means for inducing persons to contribute "specimens," and it was decided to distribute free tickets to masters of vessels and others to visit the room devoted to the cabinet, and efforts were also made to interest all who were in the habit of traveling (friends of the institution), to make collections. On account of the want of funds some of the newspapers were discontinued.

On the 8th of August, 1842, Mr. George H. Bull resigned, and John R. Harris was installed in his place. Messrs. Joseph White and Thomas Coleman were candidates for President for 1843-4. Among the lecturers for 1843 were Rev. D. Kennedy, Hon. A. H. Everett, Prof. A. Potter, Prof. E. Hitchcock, Rev. Dr. W. B. Sprague, Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, Horace Greeley, Dr. T. C. Brinsmade, and Dr. T. W. Blatchford.

The extra efforts made the previous year for filling up the cabinet, were so far successful that from the Report of 1843 we find it was increased to 1,013 specimens, of which 700 were mineral, 397 of various species of animalia, and sixteen of curiosities and antiquities. The lecture course was very successful. Eighteen lectures were delivered—two per week—to large and appreciative audiences.

To raise funds for increasing the number of volumes in the Library, it was deemed best to sell the manakin, for which \$500 was received. By this means about 300 volumes were added. The Library then contained about one volume for every six inhabitants; now we have one for every two and two-tenths inhabitants.

Mr. E. S. Morgan, who had acted as Treasurer of the Association since 1836, within one year of its existence, resigned his office and Mr. Charles P. Heartt was elected to the place. Quite a remarkable fact was recorded this year, viz: That a quorum of the Executive Committee was present at every regular and every special meeting; which cannot, probably, be said of any other year in the history of the Association. On the lecture course for 1844-5 were Rev. E. Nott, Rev. M. Hopkins, Prof. C. B. Haddock, Hon. A. H. Everett, Hon. John A. Dix, Elihu Burritt, and H. R. Schoolcraft.



During the year 1844 a change was made in the material for, and the manner of, lighting the Reading Room and Library. Negotiations were also entered into between the Executive Committee and the officers of the Troy Savings Bank, with a view of securing more suitable rooms for the uses of the Association, in a new building which the bank contemplated erecting. August 15th, 1844, Mr. John R. Harris resigned the Librarianship, and Mr. John H. White was elected in his stead, at the same salary as his predecessor—\$350 per annum.

A special appropriation was made from the Association to procure books on natural history; also, twenty-seven shares of the "Troy Library" were purchased for \$27 from Apollo Lodge. These shares amounted to more than one-half of the whole number; the remaining shares, held by individuals, had either been purchased or contributed previously. In their Report for 1845, the committee say that "the Library (by courtesy, so called) might well be styled stationary. They had expended only \$100 for books, and had but \$8.17 then in the treasury which could be applied to its increase." They had purchased the Natural History of the State of New York, and had added Wilkes' Exploring Expedition. Through the influence of Hon. David Buel, arrangements were made with the Regents of the University to furnish the Association with the "Laws of the State," and also the "Senate and Assembly Documents and Journals," from 1840 to 1845, with the understanding that we should be supplied with a set of each from year to year, as they should be published. This privilege has been continued, and now we have hardly room to accommodate the accumulations from that source.

In regard to the Debating Society, the Committee report that "it has been of doubtful utility. Yet it is so capable of being made a source of mental culture that your Committee hesitate to abandon it. They would rather commend it to your wisdom to determine if there be not some way in which this branch may be trained to reach its due proportions." They also recommend the giving up of one lecture per week, and substituting in its place a debate on some question suggested by the lecture of the preceding evening.

The Natural History department having received no additions this year, and considering the little interest manifested in it by the citizens, together with the great expense and trouble attending the collecting and preserving of specimens, it was deemed best to transfer it to the Troy Lyceum—such transfer taking place upon the removal of the Association to its new rooms.

Mr. John H. White resigned the position of Librarian September 15th, 1845, and Mr. Wm. Robertson was chosen to the vacancy for the unexpired term—to April, 1846.

The gentlemen nominated for President for 1856 were A. K. Hadley and William Hagen.

At the inauguration of the new Board of Officers, the following preamble and resolution was offered by W. M. Watson :

WHEREAS, The friends of the Young Men's Association have witnessed, with deep regret, pending the recent election, the publication, in two of the newspapers of this city, of certain tickets of a disreputable character and of a tendency to inflict deep and lasting injury on the Association ;

*Resolved*, That the members of this Association do earnestly protest against the nomination of similar tickets hereafter, and request the publishers of newspapers in this city to prohibit them, if nominated, in their columns."

On the 4th of June, 1846, Mr. Henry P. Filer was nominated to the office of Librarian, in place of William Robertson, superseded.

The Life Membership fee was reduced from \$50 to \$30. In the Report for 1847 we find the demand for books increasing—the number of members being about double that of the previous year.

In 1848, oil, for the lighting of the rooms, was superseded by the substitution of gas. About this time a new source of anxiety arose, viz., how to support the lecture course. Hitherto many of the distinguished gentlemen who had lectured before the Association had done so gratuitously ; now the time had come when they could command compensation for their services, and it was not to be expected that they would be willing to give the product of their brains without an equivalent. This want was met, however, and a paying course of lectures has become a distinctive feature of the institution.

In the year 1849 we find it recorded that " the late James Dana, Esq., by his will, made the Association a conditional bequest, to be appropriated to the improvement of the Library. As no notice is made of such a bequest in any subsequent Report, it is presumed that the conditions were not fulfilled. Notice was given for changing the time of the Annual Meetings from the third Monday of February to the second Tuesday of December—all the officers to enter upon their respective duties the next Monday succeeding their election, except the Corresponding Secretary, who should date his term of office from March 1st—subsequently changed to April 1st. The committee congratulate the members upon the flourishing condition of the Association. A new catalogue was prepared in 1850, in which the books were arranged alphabetically, under appropriate heads. There seems to have been considerable interest excited about this time in the affairs of the Association, since, in the year 1851, we find six tickets in the field. The result proved that the " regulars " were out in full force, as they elected all but three of their ticket.

The fortunes of the Debating Society have changed considerably ; for, while in the Report of 1845 that committee had expressed doubts of its utility, the committee of 1851 speak of it as being well sustained, and of its being a useful branch of the Association.

They also report the general condition of the Association to be prosperous, especially the Library department. And though in the sixteenth

year of its existence it had accumulated only about four thousand volumes, a new impetus had been given in this direction the past year by the creation of a "Life Membership Library Fund." This scheme originated in the following resolution, which was offered in a meeting of the Executive Board, on the 9th of May, 1851:

*Resolved*, That the Committee soliciting subscriptions to this fund be empowered, upon receiving any subscription of fifty dollars and upwards, payable in five or less than five annual installments thereon, to present each subscriber a ticket of life membership.

It was further

*Resolved*, That the money raised in accordance with the above resolution be appropriated for no other purpose than to improve the condition of the Library.

By this scheme there was realized \$4,800—viz., one subscription of \$300, nine of \$100 each, and seventy-two of \$50 each. During this year the new rooms in the Athenæum building were occupied by the Association.

In 1852 it was recommended to offer prizes for original essays to be read at each meeting of the Debating Society. The Society was also reorganized so that all speakers were appointed beforehand, and so that no person should be allowed to speak before it unless a member.

The canvass for the election of officers for 1852-3 was the most exciting of any in the history of the Association. Two tickets were in the field, headed respectively by George B. Warren, Jr., and J. B. Tibbits. The contest was carried on with remarkable vigor and spirit, and resulted in great gain to the treasury. The whole number of votes cast was 1,515. Warren's majority, 417. The whole number of members that year was 3,051. The smallness of the vote compared with the number of members (each of whom was entitled to vote), was owing to the defective manner of conducting the election—it being almost impossible for persons to reach the polls without danger to life or limbs. Consequently, many paired off and went away without voting.

In 1853 the attendance upon the lectures was so large that it became necessary to restrict the number of persons to be admitted on a ticket, to one gentleman and one lady. Hitherto, a gentleman had been allowed to take in two ladies with himself. The Debating Society was brought under criticism again, on account of the subjects selected for discussion—"which were such as led to the exhibition of strong feelings and prejudices, giving rise to much rancor and personal altercation." In 1853-4 there were three tickets in the field—Isaac McConihe being at the head of two, and Wm. H. Young the other. Whole number of votes cast, 521. This was a great falling off of votes as compared with the previous year, and more nearly indicated the normal condition of the Association. The experience of 1852-3 led many to doubt whether it would best subserve the interests of the Association to raise the enthusiasm of the community to such an unnatural pitch.

The Executive Committee took occasion to return thanks to Mr. Isaac Dezouche, for the donation of many valuable and rare books relating to the early history of America, and also for the taste displayed in the carved brackets which grace the Library room.

The new feature of providing "extra lectures," and charging a small admittance fee, was recommended and adopted. A special committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws. That committee, in their Report, recommended to abolish the Debating Society, urging that "the time when good might have been done through its agency had passed; that the few meetings which had been held during the past two years, had awakened no interest in the members generally; and that the funds necessary for its support ought to be applied to other objects connected with the Association." It was decided, however, after due consideration, to retain that feature unaltered.

A committee appointed to call upon the former Presidents of the Association, requesting them to present their daguerreotype likenesses, met with general success. These likenesses, on a small scale, have been put side by side in a large frame, and now grace the dark apartment in the upper portion of the building, commonly called a *garret*, the only reason for this being that we have no room for them in the Library or Reading Room. These daguerreotypes, like all pictures of their kind, have become somewhat indistinct from the lapse of time. Would it be asking too much of the ex-Presidents, who now survive, to present the Association with a medium-sized photograph of themselves, framed in plain black walnut? Some of the later ones have already done so, and their familiar faces look down upon us from the walls of the Reading Room. Places can be found for such single pictures, though not for the large frame mentioned above.

On the 22d day of December, 1854, the twentieth anniversary of the Association was celebrated at Rand's Hall. The historical address was prepared and read by George Gould, Esq. He alluded to the old "Troy Library," containing from 600 to 700 volumes, as being a source of intellectual acquirements to the former generations of Trojans, and stated that this Library was founded in A. D. 1800, by the principal citizens of Troy, and that Mr. Zephaniah Filer, father of Mr. H. P. Filer, was its first librarian. He alluded very feelingly to the breaches that death had made in the ranks of those who had served the Association officially. Mr. B. H. Hall read letters from Amos Dean, Dr. Horatio Potter, Thaddeus B. Bigelow, Charles Read and Joseph S. White, stating that they were unable to be present at the anniversary. The occasion closed with an address by the Rev. Dr. Halley, who dwelt especially upon the benefits to be obtained from the Association Library.



In 1855, the Executive Committee received a proposition from the Troy Lyceum, offering to transfer, under certain restrictions, their valuable collection to the Young Men's Association. This proposition being referred to a special committee, they reported that "they did not feel warranted in accepting it under the present condition of their finances."

Nothing of importance occurred in the history of the Association in 1856. It is worthy of mention, however, that during this year Mrs. Ethelinda Selden placed in the hands of the committee a bond, the interest of which was to be applied to the purchase of Prof. Agassiz's Natural History. This work, complete, is now the property of the Association. Did all the Trojan ladies who have the *means*, also possess the *disposition*, many valuable books might be added yearly to the Library. The Debating Society, which for years had barely maintained an existence, was discontinued during the winter of 1857, by consent of its members.

The resolution to change the price of membership from \$2 to \$3, was brought to a vote and resulted in 579 yeas and 196 nays. The year 1858 was one of doubt and anxiety for the committee. The country had just passed through a financial crisis, leaving business in a disorganized state, affecting all classes and conditions of citizens. So dubious, consequently, were the affairs of the Association, that its staunchest friends had doubts of its weathering the storm, especially as there was a debt of about \$650 (which had been accumulating for several years) standing grim and stern in the path of its progress. Hence a scheme was devised, and a committee, consisting of some members of the Board, in association with several other gentlemen, were appointed to solicit the loan of paintings, sculptures, engravings, and other works of art, for the purpose of forming an Art Exhibition for the benefit of the Association. This committee, by unusual exertion, succeeded in obtaining the loan of about 200 paintings and marbles. The exhibition opened February 18th, and closed March 27th, realizing, net, the sum of \$504.78.

The Debating Society was resurrected and has continued its sessions uninterruptedly to the present time.

Mr. Willard Gay, who had acted as Treasurer for thirteen years, declined a re-election, and Mr. C. M. Wellington was called to that position at the annual election in 1859.

From the Twenty-first Report we find that several new alcoves were added; that the Debating Society was in a flourishing condition; and that another art exhibition had been held, of pictures obtained from Troy, New York, Albany, Philadelphia, New Haven, and other places. Net profits, \$212.72. There was also obtained, by private subscription, the sum of \$370 for the purchase of two pictures, one by C. T. Dix of New York, and the other by A. B. Durand. The receipts of the exhi-

bition were voted to be expended for two additional pictures, one by Wm. Hart, and one by S. R. Gifford. During this year a complete catalogue of the books of the Library (numbering 12,067 volumes) was made by Messrs. B. H. Hall and Charles L. Alden.

The Report of the committee for 1859 closes by saying, that "your Association is now on a basis where nothing but reckless mismanagement or rancorous and partizan jealousies can disturb it."

Another exhibition was held in 1860-1, resulting in net profits to the amount of \$216.51 ; also private subscriptions amounting to \$615. With the funds already accumulated from these sources were purchased the following pieces, which now hang upon the walls of the Reading Room, viz: 'The Coming Rain,' by S. R. Gifford ; 'A Showery Day among the Mountains,' by A. B. Durand ; 'A Coast Scene,' by C. D. Dix ; 'Autumn,' by J. F. Kensett ; 'Study from Life, Down East,' by Eastman Johnson ; 'Autumn in the Walkill Valley,' by J. C. McEntee ; 'The First Snow,' by William Hart ; 'The Lunch,' by C. V. Blauvelt ; 'Trout Fishing,' by D. W. C. Bontelle ; 'Red Hook Point,' by A. W. Warren ; 'Catskill Mountains,' by C. H. Moore ; 'Portrait of General Wool,' by Mr. Conant ; 'Il Penseroso' (marble), by L. Thompson.

In 1862 the Association became the recipient of a fine bequest from Mr. Wm. R. Yourt. This bequest consisted of \$5,000 ; \$3,000 of which was, by direction of his will, expended in books, chiefly historical, under the direction of C. L. Alden and John Yourt, his executors. The remaining \$2,000 were to be invested in good securities and the interest applied to making additions to the Alcove called after Mr. Yourt's name. The above named gentlemen associated with themselves Mr. B. H. Hall, whose experience in the selection of books was a sufficient guarantee of their value, and in a few months nearly two thousand volumes were placed upon the shelves of the "Yourt Alcove." The same year Mr. Geo. M. Selden presented to the Association two thousand dollars in railroad stock, to be applied as follows : "One half of the dividends received thereupon was to be expended in the purchase of paintings and other works of art ; and the remaining one half to the purchase of tickets of life membership of the Association at \$30 each ; said tickets to be issued as a reward of merit to such scholars of the High School of the city of Troy, both male and female, as may be designated by the Board of Education of said city, or their appropriate committee ; it being understood that said stock shall not be transferred or sold by said Troy Young Men's Association." No dividends have yet been received from this stock.

In 1863 bound files of the *Northern Budget* were purchased. The lecture course was self-sustaining.

In March, 1864, Mr. H. P. Filer, being admonished by failing health to husband the vital power which nature had given him, sent in his

resignation, to take effect May 1st. This resignation was reluctantly accepted by the committee. Thus, after a faithful service of eighteen years, Mr. Filer severed his official connection with the institution which had grown to strength and maturity under his watchful and fostering care, yet without losing in any degree his interest in its prosperity. Relieved from the perplexities and burdens of his office, Mr. F. seems to have renewed his youth, and his genial countenance is to be seen almost daily in the rooms which, for so many years, were his home. Long may he be spared, and when his feet shall touch the "farther shore," may the verdict *there*, as well as *here*, be, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mr. Filer was succeeded by Mr. T. B. Heimstreet.

On account of the war, the membership of the years 1861-64 fell considerably below that of the previous years.

On the 1st of September, 1865, Mr. T. B. Heimstreet resigned, and on the 25th of the same month of that year Mr. F. H. Stevens was called to succeed him. In the meantime that veteran Assistant Librarian of three dynasties, Mr. J. T. Fonda, performed the duties pertaining to the office.

The report of this year dwells at considerable length upon the necessity of erecting a new building for the uses of the Association. The result of this was that early in 1866, a committee was appointed to solicit funds for that purpose. They met with but little success. The people pleaded increased taxation and other expenses as their excuse for not subscribing, so that the committee reluctantly yielded to the necessity of giving up the project for the time. It is to be hoped that the income tax will be removed by Congressional action this winter. Should such be the case, will not the citizens of Troy voluntarily consent to devote the amount of that tax for one year to the purpose of erecting a building for the Association, which shall be an honor to the city, and the pride of her inhabitants?

A supplementary catalogue was prepared this year, containing about 5,000 additional names of books; the Yourt books were put into circulation; and a change made in the by-laws of the Association, separating the membership to the Library and Reading Room from the Lecture course. Hitherto the price of membership, including lecture course, had been \$3. Under the new rule, \$3 each are charged for membership, and Lectures separate; \$4, if both are taken by one person.

On the 8th of February, 1865, Mr. Charles A. Holmes sent in his resignation of the office of President, and at a regular meeting of the Executive Board, February 23d, Mr. Clarence Willard was elected to the vacancy.

Three deaths occurred among the officers and active members in 1866, viz: Charles G. Wilson, Secretary of the Debating Society, and Wm. A. Beach, Jr., and James S. Thorn, two of its ablest and brightest debaters.

At the close of 1867 the Association was found to be in debt about \$647, which hung as a dead weight upon its progress.

In 1868, by rigid economy, a part of this debt was paid, though the number of members was less than that of the preceding year. Hence, but few books were added to the Library. Thus the Library is a sort of "scape goat," upon which is visited the sins of neglect and indifference manifested towards the Association by the citizens of Troy. All expenses are to be met first; then, if there is a balance over, it may be used for the purchase of books. If there is *no* balance over, there can be no additions to the Library. Therefore, we earnestly appeal to you to raise a "Library Fund," which shall place beyond any fortuitous circumstances the regular annual increase of this department. Let each one at all interested in the success of our beloved institution, consider it a privilege to contribute from \$1 to \$100 each, payable in whole or in quarterly installments, to place the *Library* of the Young Men's Association upon a firm financial basis.

In June, 1868, Mr. G. M. Tibbits manifested his kind regard for the Association by the presentation of a fine bronze statuette of Abraham Lincoln. This work of art was obtained by Mr. T. in Munich, during his travels abroad last year. It is a reduced copy of a larger one, cast for the city of Chicago. It is about two feet eleven inches high; and standing upon a neat pedestal three and-a-half feet above the floor, forms a very suitable ornament to the Library.

The year 1869 opened with the largest membership since 1859. Quite a number of books have been added, and the general condition of the Association is very flattering. Let it not be forgotten, however, that its prosperity is almost entirely dependent upon its membership, and whenever that membership shall, from any cause, be reduced, the progress of the institution will be correspondingly retarded.

# LIST OF OFFICERS FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

| YEAR. | President.            | First Vice-President. | Second Vice-President. | Third Vice-President. | Corresponding Secretary. | Recording Secretary. |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1835  | John T. McConn.       | David L. Seymour.     | Henry Landon.          | Thomas Coleman.       | G. B. Kellogg.           | Chas. E. Seymour.    |
| 1836  | Thaddeus Bigelow.     | George Gould.         | Thomas Coleman.        | Elias Ross.           | G. B. Kellogg.           | James Dana.          |
| 1837  | Henry W. Strong.      | John T. Parker.       | Elias Ross.            | Joseph C. Taylor.     | Charles H. Read.         | J. C. Potter.        |
| 1838  | George Gould.         | I. J. Merritt.        | Charles Hooper.        | James Dana.           | J. M. Stevenson.         | A. J. Brackett.      |
| 1839  | I. J. Merritt.        | J. M. Stevenson.      | Uri Gilbert.           | Benjamin Starbuck.    | T. A. Larned.            | A. J. Brackett.      |
| 1840  | James M. Stevenson.   | Charles H. Read.      | Uri Gilbert.           | Benjamin Starbuck.    | George Gould.            | E. W. Whipple.       |
| 1841  | Charles H. Read.      | Benj. Starbuck.       | J. L. VanSchoonhoven.  | Benjamin Starbuck.    | W. H. VanSchoonhoven.    | E. W. Whipple.       |
| 1842  | J. L. VanSchoonhoven. | Uri Gilbert.          | Alexander F. Wheeler.  | S. W. Britton.        | John G. Britton.         | E. W. Whipple.       |
| 1843  | Joseph White.         | Thomas Coleman.       | William Hagen.         | J. H. Ten Broeck.     | A. K. Hadley.            | J. C. C. Reynolds.   |
| 1844  | Thomas Coleman.       | William Hagen.        | Dexter B. Britton.     | Deunis M. Fitch.      | G. Robertson, Jr.        | Joseph W. Fuller.    |
| 1845  | John G. Britton.      | William Hagen.        | Wm. Howard Hart.       | Olis G. Clark.        | G. Robertson, Jr.        | G. B. Wallace.       |
| 1846  | William Hagen.        | D. B. Britton.        | George H. Cook.        | Benjamin S. Adams.    | J. B. Gale.              | R. Wales.            |
| 1847  | N. Stratton.          | James Forsyth.        | J. M. W. Jones.        | Benjamin S. Adams.    | S. H. Terry.             | R. Wales.            |
| 1848  | Uri Gilbert.          | David B. Cox.         | G. B. Wallace.         | Thomas Goldsmith.     | John B. Tibbits.         | R. Wales.            |
| 1849  | Amos K. Hadley.       | G. B. Wallace.        | S. G. Doughly.         | W. H. Young.          | George B. Warren, Jr.    | F. Sims.             |
| 1850  | D. B. Cox.            | William Gurley.       | Wm. H. Young.          | E. D. Cunningham.     | George B. Warren, Jr.    | F. Sims.             |
| 1851  | G. B. Wallace.        | Samuel D. Askam.      | W. O. Cunningham.      | E. D. Blanchard.      | D. Lane.                 | J. P. Mann.          |
| 1852  | William Gurley.       | Wm. H. Young.         | W. O. Cunningham.      | E. P. Parsons.        | N. Stratton.             | B. H. Davis.         |
| 1853  | G. B. Warren, Jr.     | Samuel D. Askam.      | E. D. Cunningham.      | George H. Fry.        | B. H. Hall.              | B. F. Siles.         |
| 1854  | Wm. H. Young.         | DeWitt Tutthill.      | James H. Congdon.      | F. P. Allen.          | D. C. Gram.              | Charles L. Alden.    |
| 1855  | Lynan R. Avery.       | George H. Fry.        | Fred. P. Allen.        | James T. Allen.       | George F. Sims.          | C. O. Mann.          |
| 1856  | W. O. Cunningham.     | DeWitt Tutthill.      | S. N. Derrick.         | A. J. Rousseau.       | N. Forsyth.              | A. J. Rousseau, Jr.  |
| 1857  | DeWitt Tutthill.      | Charles L. Alden.     | John M. Landon.        | John H. Fales.        | Thomas Backley.          | J. S. Garnsey.       |
| 1858  | Charles L. Alden.     | William S. Earl.      | John M. Landon.        | John H. Nelher.       | John L. Flagg.           | Edward D. Barton.    |
| 1859  | Benjamin H. Hall.     | John M. Landon.       | George F. Sims.        | Edward D. Barton.     | Wm. E. Gilbert.          | Wm. E. Gilbert.      |
| 1860  | John M. Landon.       | Nelson Davenport.     | A. B. Fales.           | H. C. Carpenter.      | L. C. Lillie.            | L. C. Lillie.        |
| 1861  | N. Davenport.         | A. B. Fales.          | George H. Andrews.     | A. D. Lyon.           | J. S. Thorn.             | D. W. Ford.          |
| 1862  | A. B. Fales.          | G. H. Andrews.        | W. C. Buel.            | A. D. Ford.           | Clarence Willard.        | Z. P. Green.         |
| 1863  | John L. Flagg.        | Chas. A. Holmes.      | Channucey O. Greene.   | William W. Rousseau.  | Benj. D. Benson.         | W. W. Willard.       |
| 1864  | Channucey O. Greene.  | William D. Clegg.     | Henry Calusha.         | Robert Colwell.       | J. Spencer Garnsey.      | T. Henry Bussey.     |
| 1865  | Charles A. Holmes.*   | Clarence Willard.     | William E. Gilbert.    | Edward G. Gilbert.    | James W. Green.          | Julius R. Pettis.    |
| 1866  | Clarence Willard.     | George Evans.         | LeGrand Benedict.      | Robert Colwell.       | William Shaw.            | Chas. H. Adams.      |
| 1867  | Fred. P. Allen.       | Benj. F. Follett.     | J. F. Calder.          | Robert Colwell.       | E. H. G. Clark.          | D. M. Ranken.        |
| 1868  | W. E. Gilbert.        | L. R. McLean.         | Robert Colwell.        | Edward G. Gilbert.    | E. L. Fursman.           | Edw. W. Boutelle.    |
| 1869  | Benj. F. Follett.     | L. W. Rhodes.         |                        |                       |                          |                      |

\* Resigned February 23d, 1865, and Mr. Clarence Willard elected to fill vacancy.



LIST OF OFFICERS—(Continued.)  
MANAGERS.

| YEAR.     | Manager.               | Manager.           | Manager.            | Manager.              | Manager.             |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1835..... | W. H. VanSchoonhoven   | L. Vanderheyden,   | L. Cadwell,         | Henry Rousseau,       | B. L. Eaton,         |
| 1836..... | B. L. Eaton,           | L. Vanderheyden,   | Stephen N. Ives,    | Josiah Greenman, Jr., | F. Cummings,         |
| 1837..... | S. W. Britton,         | A. P. Heart,       | Joseph A. Wood,     | Benjamin Hatch,       | I. J. Merritt,       |
| 1838..... | William H. Warren,     | LeRoy Mowry,       | T. A. Larned,       | Benjamin Hatch,       | D. B. Plum,          |
| 1839..... | H. W. Strong,          | J. Greenman, Jr.,  | L. Vanderheyden,    | Benjamin Hatch,       | E. T. Doughty,       |
| 1840..... | I. J. Merritt,         | Stephen Wickes,    | L. H. Tupper,       | J. L. VanSchoonhoven, | Benjamin Starbuck,   |
| 1841..... | James M. Stevenson,    | John G. Britton,   | Charles Coleman,    | Wesley Newcomb,       | John Wright,         |
| 1842..... | James M. Stevenson,    | Uri Gilbert,       | Thomas Coleman,     | Wesley Newcomb,       | Willard Gay,         |
| 1843..... | J. L. VanSchoonhoven,  | Uri Gilbert,       | R. M. Townsend,     | Wesley Newcomb,       | Thomas B. Carroll,   |
| 1844..... | Joseph White,          | Uri Gilbert,       | F. A. Stow,         | Wesley Newcomb,       | Thomas B. Carroll,   |
| 1845..... | Joseph White,          | Uri Gilbert,       | Thomas Coleman,     | H. C. Lockwood,       | Olis G. Clark,       |
| 1846..... | John G. Britton,       | Uri Gilbert,       | Joseph White,       | N. B. Starbuck,       | E. Waters, Jr.,      |
| 1847..... | William Hagen,         | Uri Gilbert,       | P. W. Robertson,    | Myron Hamblin,        | Charles R. Richards, |
| 1848..... | G. Robertson, Jr.,     | William Buswell,   | John G. Britton,    | William H. Young,     | H. H. Rayner,        |
| 1849..... | Uri Gilbert,           | O. G. Clark,       | William Gurley,     | William H. Young,     | L. R. Avery,         |
| 1850..... | Amos K. Hadley,        | O. G. Clark,       | William Gurley,     | H. J. King,           | L. R. Avery,         |
| 1851..... | D. B. Cox,             | O. G. Clark,       | W. O. Cunningham,   | Uri Gilbert,          | L. R. Avery,         |
| 1852..... | D. B. Wallace,         | D. B. Cox,         | J. G. Buswell, Jr., | J. C. Pendergrast,    | James S. Knowlson,   |
| 1853..... | William Gurley,        | William H. Young,  | F. Bosworth,        | H. A. Blanchard,      | G. B. Wallace,       |
| 1854..... | George B. Warren, Jr., | Isaac W. Crissey,  | R. Wales,           | H. D. Woodruff,       | H. L. Palmer,        |
| 1855..... | William H. Young,      | George H. Otis,    | G. B. Wallace,      | E. B. Myers,          | George F. Sims,      |
| 1856..... | L. R. Avery,           | Isaac W. Crissey,  | John H. Nether,     | C. M. Wellington,     | George R. Dauchy,    |
| 1857..... | L. R. Avery,           | Isaac W. Crissey,  | W. O. Cunningham,   | George H. Andrews,    | William Kemp,        |
| 1858..... | D. W. Truth,           | J. H. Kellogg,     | Philander White,    | Clark Fisher,         | William Kemp,        |
| 1859..... | Charles L. Alden,      | William Gay,       | W. S. Earl,         | J. Spencer Garnsey,   | G. H. Loveland,      |
| 1860..... | B. H. Hall,            | William H. Hegeman | W. S. Earl,         | George F. Sims,       | Charles A. Holmes,   |
| 1861..... | B. H. Hall,            | H. B. Wildman,     | W. S. Earl,         | J. M. Hawley,         | D. W. Churchill,     |
| 1862..... | N. Davenport,          | John L. Flegg,     | G. B. Thompson,     | J. Spencer Garnsey,   | H. M. Emmons,        |
| 1863..... | A. B. Fales,           | D. M. Ford,        | G. B. Thompson,     | J. Spencer Garnsey,   | Irving Browne,       |
| 1864..... | John L. Flegg,         | H. Galtusha,       | James S. Thorn,     | Fred. P. Allen,       | J. R. Prentice,      |
| 1865..... | Channcey O. Greene,    | W. W. Willard,     | James S. Thorn,     | J. E. Schoonmaker,    | H. C. Folger,        |
| 1866..... | Channcey O. Greene,    | Clarence Willard,  | William Kemp,       | LeGrand Benedict,     | A. S. Hotchkiss,     |
| 1867..... | Fred. P. Allen,        | Clarence Willard,  | J. F. Calder,       | M. M. Ranken,         | George B. Chitt,     |
| 1868..... | W. E. Gilbert,         | Clarence Willard,  | A. B. Jones,        | M. M. Waterman,       | John H. Huntington,  |
| 1869..... | Benjamin F. Follett.   | Dr. LeRoy McLean,  | Chas. L. Sheldon,   | Charles H. Arms.      | Fred. W. Gale.       |



LIST OF OFFICERS—(Continued.)  
DEBATING SOCIETY.

| YEAR.     | President.              | First Vice-President.   | Second Vice-President. | Secretary.              |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1825..... | George Gould,           | George W. Francis,      | Henry T. Eddy,         | Ralph Hawley,           |
| 1826..... | George W. Francis,      | Martin I. Townsend,     | Horace H. Young,       | Chester Deming,         |
| 1827..... | W. H. Van Schoonhoven,  | C. H. Anthony,          | J. R. Catlin,          | H. Brower,              |
| 1828..... | H. Z. Hayner,           | John Raymond,           | Ralph Brewster,        | John Hagan,             |
| 1829..... | Amos K. Hadley,         | Abram B. Olin,          | R. M. Townsend,        | John Hagan,             |
| 1830..... | Abram B. Olin,          | John Raymond,           | H. Brower,             | N. B. Millman,          |
| 1831..... | Amos K. Hadley,         | N. Howard, Jr.,         | William Hagen,         | Walter Wright,          |
| 1832..... | Joseph White,           | Gilbert Robertson, Jr., | Dexter B. Britton,     | S. D. Lewis,            |
| 1833..... | Abram B. Olin,          | John C. Mather,         | Peter T. Woodbury,     | John H. White,          |
| 1834..... | Gilbert Robertson, Jr., | John C. Walte,          | John Fitch,            | James Forsyth,          |
| 1835..... | James Forsyth,          | John Fitch,             | Norman Stratton,       | B. Vanderwerken,        |
| 1836..... | Norman Stratton,        | J. F. Knickerhacker,    | A. McConihe,           | John E. Warren,         |
| 1837..... | Job S. Olin,            | A. McConihe,            | Levi Smith,            | W. H. Tillinghast,      |
| 1838..... | L. Fairbanks, Jr.,      | G. B. Wallace,          | P. W. Robertson,       | F. Sims,                |
| 1839..... | P. W. Robertson,        | E. R. King,             | George A. Potter,      | C. Buel,                |
| 1840..... | E. R. King,             | William E. Hagen,       | A. A. Van Wornier,     | B. Smith,               |
| 1841..... | H. J. King,             | C. Buel,                | J. C. Roth,            | E. S. Ellis,            |
| 1842..... | Norman Stratton,        | H. J. Palmer,           | George Evans,          | D. C. Osborn,           |
| 1843..... | J. McConihe, Jr.,       | S. N. Derrick,          | J. C. Roth,            | James S. Thorn,         |
| 1844..... | C. Buel,                | N. Forsyth,             | William A. Thompson,   | Charles O. Mann,        |
| 1845..... | John G. Buswell, Jr.,   | E. B. Myers,            | Richard Hearlt,        | E. D. Barton,           |
| 1846..... | Miles Beach,            | William D. Clegg,       | G. W. W. Vail,         | J. Spencer Garney,      |
| 1847..... | William D. Clegg,       | George W. Walker,       | Clarence Willard,      | Benjamin D. Benson,     |
| 1848..... | Nelson Davenport,       | John L. Flagg,          | L. T. Carter,          | Charles H. Lytle,       |
| 1849..... | John L. Flagg,          | J. S. Crosby,           | Russell Sage,          | LeGrand Benedict,       |
| 1850..... | James M. Hawley,        | L. C. Little,           | D. W. Ford,            | George A. Waters,       |
| 1851..... | Alonzo Alden,           | James Cromwell,         | Charles H. Corliss,    | M. H. McManus,          |
| 1852..... | W. N. Barringer,        | T. J. Cornelius,        | M. H. Stratton,        | Frederick W. Ackley,    |
| 1853..... | George Evans,           | I. W. Emmons,           | W. W. Willard,         | C. H. Adams,            |
| 1854..... | Irving Hayner,          | James W. Greene,        | J. K. P. Pine,         | George C. Baldwin, Jr., |
| 1855..... | J. L. Young,            | M. L. Hollister,        | Walter C. Childs,      | Charles G. Wilson,      |
| 1856..... | William Shaw,           | Justin Kellogg,         | T. F. Barnum,          | Levi E. Griffith,       |
| 1857..... | William Shaw,           | W. F. Harrison,         | Benjamin R. Lawrence,  | Lyman P. Wood,          |
| 1858..... | LaMott W. Rhodes,       | Frederick W. Gale,      | Edgar L. Everett,      | Edgar R. Flood.         |
| 1859..... | I. Grant Thompson.      | Philip M. Wales.        |                        |                         |



## GENERAL STATEMENT OF FINANCES

FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

| YEAR. | GENERAL FINANCES. |                | MEMBERS. |          |        | LIBRARY VOLS. |        | Life Membership Fund. | Life Membership Library Fund. |
|-------|-------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------|---------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|       | Receipts.         | Disbursements. | Life.    | Regular. | Total. | Additions.    | Total. |                       |                               |
| 1835  | \$2,846 00        | \$1,825 79     | 33       | 443      | 476    | .....         | 1222   | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1836  | 2,124 66          | 2,340 52       | 35       | 486      | 521    | .....         | 1400   | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1837  | 1,654 64          | 1,487 95       | 35       | 573      | 608    | .....         | 100    | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1838  | 1,901 58          | 2,156 14       | 38       | 508      | 546    | .....         | 300    | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1839  | 1,544 64          | 1,654 94       | 38       | 565      | 603    | .....         | 300    | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1840  | 1,482 75          | 1,657 15       | 38       | 488      | 526    | .....         | 100    | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1841  | 1,816 58          | 1,735 06       | 38       | 563      | 601    | .....         | 50     | \$671 00              | .....                         |
| 1842  | 1,490 27          | 1,412 22       | 38       | 495      | 533    | .....         | 50     | 2250                  | 1,650 00                      |
| 1843  | 1,054 09          | 1,398 74       | 38       | 351      | 389    | .....         | 50     | 2300                  | 1,650 00                      |
| 1844  | 1,445 02          | 1,483 73       | 47       | 517      | 564    | .....         | .....  | .....                 | 1,650 00                      |
| 1845  | 1,485 11          | 1,347 05       | 47       | 583      | 630    | .....         | 2400   | .....                 | 1,650 00                      |
| 1846  | 1,768 95          | 1,839 17       | 48       | 641      | 689    | 107           | 2507   | .....                 | 1,650 00                      |
| 1847  | 2,043 84          | 2,060 87       | 48       | 697      | 745    | 130           | 2637   | .....                 | 1,650 90                      |
| 1848  | 2,037 08          | 2,083 52       | 48       | 776      | 824    | 203           | 2840   | .....                 | 1,650 00                      |
| 1849  | 1 775 07          | 1 775 55       | 48       | 712      | 760    | 531           | 3371   | .....                 | 1,695 00                      |
| 1850  | 2,092 65          | 2,086 29       | 49       | 883      | 932    | 347           | 3714   | .....                 | 1,695 00                      |
| 1851  | 2,457 72          | 2,434 20       | \$129    | 1026     | 1155   | 4061          | 4061   | .....                 | 1,685 00                      |
| 1852  | 2,953 98          | 2,968 86       | \$130    | 1283     | 1413   | 738           | 4799   | .....                 | \$1,260 00                    |
| 1853  | 6,198 91          | 6,152 83       | \$131    | 2920     | 3051   | 557           | 5356   | .....                 | 825 00                        |
| 1854  | 2,893 87          | 2,930 20       | .....    | 1006     | .....  | 2750          | 8106   | .....                 | 745 00                        |
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| 1856  | 3,005 22          | 3,745 87       | 95       | 983      | 1078   | 598           | 9165   | .....                 | 670 00                        |
| 1857  | 2,913 32          | 3,095 58       | 95       | 1014     | 1109   | 241           | 9646   | .....                 | 60 10                         |
| 1858  | 3,880 13          | 3,816 59       | 95       | 933      | 1028   | 393           | 10039  | .....                 | 73 10                         |
| 1859  | 6,863 91          | 6,846 76       | 97       | 2076     | 2173   | 2028          | 12967  | .....                 | 10 00                         |
| 1860  | 4,596 38          | 4,573 53       | 97       | 1126     | 1223   | 913           | 12980  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1861  | 3,656 03          | 3,643 52       | 97       | 950      | 1047   | 315           | 13295  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1862  | 2,877 69          | 2,840 22       | 97       | 617      | 714    | 254           | 13549  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1863  | 4,194 89          | 4,096 21       | 97       | 967      | 1064   | 533           | 14082  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1864  | 5,684 25          | 5,583 37       | 82       | 1324     | 1406   | *959          | 15041  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1865  | 5,461 36          | 5,363 98       | 84       | 1281     | 1365   | +2082         | 17123  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1866  | 5,891 67          | 6,064 67       | .....    | 1522     | .....  | 505           | 17628  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1867  | +5,456 76         | 6,103 90       | .....    | 1361     | .....  | 292           | 17920  | .....                 | .....                         |
| 1868  | 5,266 36          | 5,820 31       | .....    | 1128     | .....  | 319           | 18239  | .....                 | .....                         |
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